


<p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</p>  <p><b>OFFICIAL WARNING</b> <b>VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS</b></p>		<p><b>CASE NUMBER:</b> TN10012-AC</p>
	<p><b>VIOLATOR:</b> Mr. Steve Heitmiller</p>	
	<p><b>ADDRESS</b> (<i>Street, City, State, ZIP Code</i>): Laguna Beach, CA 92651</p>	
<p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:</p> <p><b>Date of Violation: June 5, 2009</b></p> <p><b>15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(D) Unlawful Acts</b></p> <p>The following conduct is prohibited: (2) The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.</p> <p>You allowed your horse, "Limestone Lucy" to be entered (Class #54, Entry #204) for the purpose of showing at the 41st Annual Walking Horse Trainer's Show in Shelbyville, Tennessee where the horse was found sore and in violation of the scar rule (9 C.F.R. § 11.3) during a post-show inspection.</p>		
<p>The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.</p>		
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